

Superior Court Judge

Josie W. Garton, Third Judicial District



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AGE: 48

PLACE OF BIRTH: New York, New York

SPOUSE'S NAME: Paul Barendregt

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Joshua, Eliot, Penelope

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 22 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage, August 2000- Present

EDUCATION:
Madison West High School: Madison, Wisconsin (High School 1991)
Reed College:, Portland, Oregon (B.A. 1995)
Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon (J.D. 2000)

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Member, Family Rules Committee
Former Member, Alaska Bar Association Law Examiner's Committee
Member, National Association of Women Judges

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Family, hiking, skiing, biking, outdoors, travel.

OTHER:

I was raised in Wisconsin and began spending summers in Alaska during college. After law school I moved to Anchorage to clerk for Chief Justice Warren Matthews of the Alaska Supreme Court. In 2000 I met my husband, then a Pararescueman with the Alaska Air National Guard, and we decided to make Alaska our home and raise our family here. He has retired from service and we continue to be committed to this state and its people.

STATEMENT:

It has been a privilege to serve as a Superior Court Judge since my appointment in 2018. I serve primarily as a civil judge, presiding over a diverse caseload. I also handle criminal matters, including cases involving criminal competency as well as cases filed in the communities of Sand Point and St. Paul. I work hard to support the mission of the Alaska Court System to provide an accessible and impartial forum for the just resolution of all cases that come before it, and to decide such cases in accordance with the law, expeditiously and with integrity. I hope to continue that work.

To provide an accessible forum, I make sure that all parties and participants have an opportunity to be heard, and explain the court process to people unfamiliar with it. I work hard to be impartial, deciding each case on its merits. I decide cases according to the law, without regard to my own preferences. I strive to issue timely decisions to allow people to go on with their lives. I maintain the highest ethical standards, to maintain confidence in the courts, the judiciary, and in judicial decisions.

I am honored to serve the people of the State of Alaska, and ask that you vote to retain me as a Superior Court Judge in 2022.

Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Josie Garton, Anchorage Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Garton met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Garton was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court in July of 2018. Judge Garton handles a civil caseload. This is her first retention evaluation.

Summary: After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Garton met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Garton complied with judicial ethics standards.

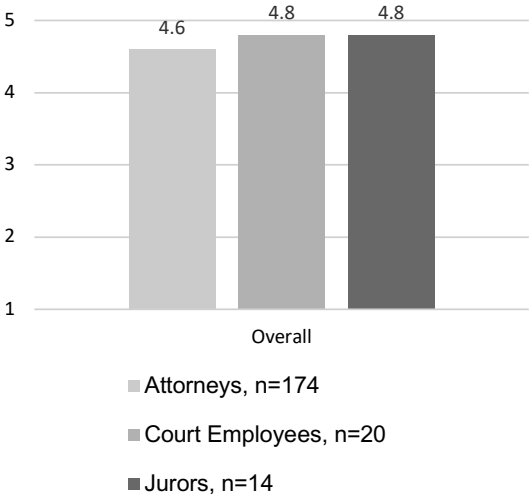
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Garton in office.

Survey ratings: Attorneys who appeared before Judge Garton gave her very good reviews, as did court employees and jurors. The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Garton. Complete survey ratings are available at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Professional activities: The Council’s review of Judge Garton’s professional activities showed significant contributions to the administration of justice and her community. Judge Garton made contributions in the areas of committee and work group service, community outreach, teaching, and youth activities. A detailed list of Judge Garton’s professional and community activities is posted at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Other performance indicators: The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Garton, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified her from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Garton performed well in these areas.

Justice System Professionals' Survey
Ratings for "Overall" Job
Performance



Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at www.ajc.state.ak.us